

Board of Library Trustees Minutes
March 16, 2021
Ashland Public Library-Zoom Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. Roll call was taken.

Present: Chair Bonnie Mitchell; Trustees: Carolyn Bell, Lornie Bullerwell, Kab Rabinowitz and Children's Librarian Lois McAuliffe

Absent: Carol Ambacher

Taking newly retired Director Paula Bonetti's position will be Meena Jain. Her first day will be April 12. She Has many years' experience. She will be present for the Trustees April 20 meeting.

Risk Management Program: Susan Robie succeeded in receiving a grant that will allow for a video cam at Town Hall, Library and Community Center. The video cam will allow for staff at the three buildings to see and talk with people outside the buildings without having to open the door. The grant provides \$10, 000 but since the actual cost is \$16,000 the Library Trustees voted to approve the \$2,000 share in the additional cost. The Library's share will come from the Schiesske Fund.

Lois McAuliffe is taking on the responsibility of payroll and invoices until the new director arrives.

She is pleased that the DPW leadership is being proactive and finding problems in the building that need to be dealt with before becoming more serious.

She also said that the Mom's Club would like library programming at the Corner Spot and she thinks the outdoor space a good idea for her programs. Adult programming is another possibility at that location. She wants to keep her STEAM Program virtual as it works well.

Lois suggested that Meena Jain speak to Ed Burman about the safety of adding new hours to the Library.

No one from the community was on the Trustees Zoom meeting.

Announcement: Neither Carol Ambacher nor Lornie Bullerwell will be running for their three year terms as Library Trustee. Lornie spoke about the difficulties –even impossibility—of obtaining the necessary signatures during The Covid pandemic.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Bell
Trustee

